**Background Information:**

Some of the planet’s ecosystems are endangered! The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) needs help creating conservation plans to protect these ecosystems and the biodiversity they contain.

You will demonstrate your knowledge of ecology by gathering data (from textbook, websites and online databases) and creating an informative webpage on the EMS wiki: EcoCheetah. Your project will include different types of information as explained below.

Your project should be 1) creative, 2) colorful, 3) include all of the required parts, and 4) show what you know about ecology. **All words need to be your own, do not cut and paste anything from the Internet.**

You will be assigned one of the following issues to research:

1. ***Coral Bleaching in Coral Reef Ecosystems***
2. ***Prairie Dogs and Their Niche in Prairie Ecosystems***
3. ***Wetlands Degradation in Coastal Regions of the Southern US***
4. ***Overfishing of Bluefin Tuna in the Mediterranean and Atlantic Oceans***
5. ***Deforestation of Tropical Rainforests***
6. ***Natural Gas Drilling on Colorado’s Roan Plateau***
7. ***Hawaii’s Coqui Tree Frog Invasion***
8. ***Endangered Orangutans in the Forests of Borneo and Sumatra***

The required parts are your wiki page are as follows:

* **Name of ecosystem affected by your issue**
* **Short (2 minutes max) multimedia presentation/summary (using PhotoStory) of your issue containing:**
  + **A map showing the location of your ecosystem**
  + **A minimum of 6 pictures (maximum 10)**
  + **Narration**
  + **Background Music**

❒ **Food Chain/Web** – **Create an accurate food chain or web that exists in your ecosystem.**

❒ **List of Abiotic/Biotic Factors – Create a list of important abiotic and biotic factors that interact in your ecosystem. Include a minimum of 3 abiotic and 3 biotic factors.**

❒ **Threats to Ecosystem – In bullet form, describe the major threats to your ecosystem. Be sure to explain the causes or reasons behind these threats.**

* **Importance of Ecosystem - In paragraph form, explain what might happen if the ecosystem or specific organisms are not protected, reasons why the ecosystem is important, and what parts of the ecosystem are most affected**
* **Conservation Plan – Write a plan explaining at least 2 ways you propose to protect the ecosystem.**

❒ **Bibliography – You must use at least 2 sources.**

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| **Creativity**  **PP** | The webpage is creative and interesting. Creativity extends beyond required components. | The webpage is creative and interesting. Creativity does not extend beyond required components. | Some parts of the webpage are creative and interesting. | webpage is not creative or interesting. |  |

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| **Appearance** **PP** | All sections are well organized, colorful, use words and pictures, shows pride in work beyond usual effort. | All parts are well organized, and use words and pictures. | Webpage uses words and pictures. Poorly constructed. Little effort. | Webpage doesn’t use words and pictures. |  |

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| **Mechanics**  **F** | All required components included. Excellent grammar and spelling. Well organized. | 1-2 components are missing. 3-4 grammar and spelling mistakes. Some organization. | 3-4 components are missing. 5-8 grammar and spelling mistakes. Limited organization. | More than 4 more components are missing. More than 8 grammar or spelling mistakes. No organization. |  |
| **Scientific Accuracy**  **F** | Project/plan is accurate and shows in-depth understanding of standards. | Project/plan is accurate and shows proficient  understanding of standards, | Project shows partially proficient understanding of standards. | Project shows limited understanding of standards. |  |
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**Name of Ecosystem affected by your issue:**

**Food Web (sketch or list the animals and plants in your food web and their role)**

**Map - List source here:**

**Pictures – List file names and where they are stored:**

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**List of Abiotic/Biotic Factors**

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**Threats to Ecosystem:**

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**Importance of Ecosystem:**

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**Conservation Plan:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Use additional notebook pages if necessary